STATEMENT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL CHARLES MADDOX CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON TEACHERS UNION INVESTIGATION

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GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM CHARLES MADDOX, INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. BECAUSE THIS IS AN ACTIVE AND ONGOING INVESTIGATION, I WILL LIMIT MY REMARKS TO SAY THAT I AM PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS JOINT INVESTIGATION WHICH HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER AGENTS FROM THE FBI, THE IRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND FROM THE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION OF MY OFFICE. THIS HAS BEEN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT AND ITS MANY DEDICATED, HARD–WORKING TEACHERS, BUT ALSO TO EVERY CITIZEN OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

MY OFFICE IS PROUD TO HAVE ASSISTED THE FBI, THE UNITED STATES
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND OTHER AGENCIES IN CONDUCTING
INTERVIEWS, OBTAINING DOCUMENTS, AND EXECUTING SEARCH
WARRANTS IN SUPPORT OF A VERY COMPLEX INVESTIGATION. THIS CASE
ILLUSTRATES THAT SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION CAN EXIST BETWEEN
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
AND THAT SUCH COOPERATION CAN HAVE TANGIBLE BENEFITS FOR
RESIDENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. THANK YOU.